



AGENDA

2009 EPA REGION 8 REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (ROC)

March 16-19, 2009
EPA Region 8 Conference Center, 1595 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202

Monday, March 16, 2009:

This day is devoted to travel and ROC Tribal Caucus Activities. The point of contact is Rhonda Azure. The Aspen Room, on the second floor of EPA Region 8, has been reserved for Tribal Caucus use.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009:

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions, and Invocation

Speakers: Rhonda Azure, Regional Operations Committee Chair; Bert Garcia, Director, Ecosystems Protection Program; Alfreda Mitre, Director, Tribal Assistance Program

Opening Remarks / R8 Report 09 Regional Annual Commitments (RAC) / New Administration Priorities / Administrator's Comments to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) / 2010 Budget

Speakers: Carol Rushin, Acting Regional Administrator;

Stimulus Funds and Tribes

Speakers: Steve Tuber, Acting Deputy Regional Administrator; Stimulus Program Representatives from Region 8.

10:00 -10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Update and discussion on Tribal Consolidated Training Initiative

EPA-HQ and EPA Regions are collaborating with Tribes to develop and provide a consolidated centralized listing of tribal trainings available to Tribal Environmental Professionals. The session will provide an overview of efforts to develop and seek input from Tribes on this national initiative.

Discussion leader: Frances Desselle, Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, EPA-HQ; Gerald Wagner, Vice-Chair ROC, Randy Brown, EPA-TAP

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Grants to Indian Tribes, Accountability and Partnerships

Discussion concerning: deadlines, workplans, reporting, and other issues.

Discussion Leader: Brian Caruso, EPA; Alfreda Mitre, Tribal Assistance Program

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- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **WQX** – Gold systems to discuss WQX/STORET. Wind River Reservation will discuss WQX reporting.
- 3:00–3:15 p.m. **Break**
Following the break, groups will separate into ROC and water quality meetings.
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Legal Update** – Discussion on legal issues that may affect Region 8 and a discussion of the TAS process and delegated programs.
 Discussion Leader: Michael Boydston, ORC, EPA
- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. **NEPA Discussion and Issues** - EPA Regional Tribes will get a brief update of the NEPA Process in addition to information concerning regional activities and contacts.
 Panel Participants: James Hanley, EPA; Bob Pille, OST; Randy Brown, TAP

Wednesday, March 18, 2009:

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Water Program and Issues for discussions** – Issues discussion on the Drinking Water initiatives and new CAFO Rule
 Discussion Leader: Sadie Hoskie, EPA Region 8
- 9:30 -10:30 a.m. **Septic System Pilot Project** – Pilot Septic Inventory pilot project discussion
 Speakers: William Houle - Turtle Mountain; Sandra Stavnes – OPRA; George Honeywell – Lower Brule; Blake Huff - TAP
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Region 8 Air/Tribal issues** – Presentations from the Region 8 Air Program and Tribes concerning Tribal air and an update on federal air pollution regulations for smaller commercial/institutional boilers.
 Discussion Leaders: Alexis North, EPA Region 8; Jason Walker, NW Band of the Shoshone Nation; and Catherine Roberts (Update on federal air pollution regulations for smaller commercial/institutional boilers).
- 11:30 – 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m. **Energy Development Concerns** – Including Oil & Gas Development concerns.
 Discussion Leaders: Gerald Wagner and David Lester, CERT; Randy Brown, TAP
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Enforcement**– Enforcement issues in Region 8 and an update concerning the CAFO inventory
 Discussion Leader: Mark Chalfant, Region 8 Enforcement
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Keller spill issues**
 Discussion Leaders: Donna Inman, Region 8 ORC; Mike Durglo, Flathead Enforcement Compliance Officer
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Region 8 Tribal Pesticide Program** – Updates and discussion of issues, including crop dusting concerns.
 Discussion Leader: Linda Himmelbauer, EPA; Irv Provost, TPPC Chair, OST Pesticide Coordinator; Greg Phillips, TAP

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- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. **National Tribal Solid Waste Workgroup Update** – Updates and discussion of National Solid Waste Issues.
 Discussion Leader: Gerald Wagner, Vice-Chair, ROC Coordinator; Steve Burkett, 8P-HW; Greg Phillips, TAP; Mehrdad Khatibi, Associate Director, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. **Tribal Caucus to prepare for Thursday morning**
 Discussion Leader: Rhonda Azure, ROC Chair

Thursday, March 19, 2009:

- 8:30 -8:45 a.m. **Tribal Public Relations issues**
 Discussion Leader: Larry Grandison, OCPI
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Renewable Energy on Indian Contaminated Lands**
 Discussion Leader: Nat Miullo, EPA Region 8
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Environmental Justice CARE Grants – Lead Based Paint and Water**
 Testing w/ Region 8 Tribes
 Discussion Leaders: Nancy Reish and Teri Bahrych
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Office of Children’s Health Protection and Env. Education**
 Discussion Leader: Ruth McCully, EPA-HQ
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Open Dialog – TAP, EPA, and Tribes will discuss issues of concern.**
 Discussion leader: Alfreda Mitre - TAP Director; Rhonda Azure -
 ROC Chair
- 10:00- 12:00 p.m. **Wrap-Up and adjourn:** Summarize actions for Tribes, EPA-Region 8
 and EPA-HQ.
 Facilitators: Sam Vance, R8-106 Coordinator; Alfreda Mitre, R8-
 TAP
- 12:00 -1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15– 4:30 p.m. **Tribal Caucus Business Session - Plan:** June agenda, action item list,
 workgroup issues, and the meeting schedule for 2010.
 Discussion leader: Alfreda Mitre- TAP Director; Rhonda Azure-
 ROC Chair